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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

1. I lunched today with Pentagon reporters Orr Kelly, EVENING STAR, and Charles W. Corddry, Jr., BALTIMORE SUN (recently of UPI). Both are friendly toward us and potentially useful.

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2. Orr, who invited me, said his "ulterior motive" was two-fold:

(a) To ask if he, Charles, and possibly one or two of their associates might meet you for an off-the-record, get-acquainted gab session, maybe an informal lunch.

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3. Their plea: Since announcement of McNamara's resignation, their usual Pentagon sources are so skittish that newsmen feel useless and unwanted. Couldn't we at least help them get in focus?

4. I said I would relay their invitation to you; you were busy as hell, but did like newsmen and enjoyed visiting them and, I felt, if you could find a time you would do so. As to background briefings in my office, I said as soon as they let me know who all might attend, I would see if I could arrange the briefing they wanted.

5. I would like to favor these two, if you agree.

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I think you have to be careful not to get contention.

Can't just the two of them take the briefing together

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